Barbed Wire Fencing of Rail Lines

1027. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of barbed wire fencing of Rail lines passing through sensitive areas like Jammu to Punjab, Rajasthan and Assam is proposed to be undertaken to prevent/counter terrorist attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) State Government of Jammu and Kashmir had asked Railway to examine possibility of providing fencing on both sides of Railways track from Jammu to Ghagwal from security reasons. Proposal to provide this fencing at an estimated cost of Rs. 1290 crores has been sent to J and K Govt. for their acceptance. As regards the fencing of Rail lines in Punjab, Rajasthan and Assam, there is no such proposal.

(c) Work will be taken up from Jammu to Ghagwal after it is sanctioned by State Government of J and K and necessary funds provided by them.

Upgradation of Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh

1028. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the stations in Andhra Pradesh selected for upgradation as model stations;

(b) by when the works would be undertaken; and

(c) the allocation proposed to be made for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Guntur, Guntakal, Hyderabad, Rajahmundry, Secunderabad, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Warangal stations in Andhra Pradesh have been selected as model stations for upgradation of